# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WATER RESOURCES
# LOK SABHA

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WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT SCHEME
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether funds have been allocated to some States under the Watershed Development Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years;

(c) whether water table has improved in the areas where this scheme has been implemented; and

(d) if so, the names of areas where water table has improved?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) & (b) The National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA), Soil and Water Conservation for the treatment of Catchments Areas and the Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas is being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture. Since inception upto 2005-06 a total area of 8.56 million ha. has been treated by incurring an expenditure of Rs.2671.56 crore under NWDPRA. Since inception upto 2005-06, an area of 6.26 million ha. has been treated with expenditure of Rs.1908.43 crore under the Soil and Water Conservation for the treatment of Catchments Areas. Since inception upto end of 2005-06, an area of 3.52 lakh ha. has been developed with expenditure of Rs.255.58 crores under the Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas.

The Department of Land Resources is implementing three demand driven programmes, namely, Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) under Hariyali guidelines. The funds released to States under above schemes during last 2 years are as under :

(Rs. in lakhs)

| Schemes | Funds released during 2004-05 & 2005-06 |
|---|---|
| Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP) | 27881.254 |
| Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) | 28334.79 |
| Desert Development Programme (DDP) | 13147.19 |

(c) & (d) As reported by the Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Land Resources, the Impact Assessment

(IA) studies and Midterm Evaluation Reports of the projects carried out for projects under IWDP, DDP, AND DPAP have reported improvement of water table in the project areas evaluated. An impact assessment study on a sampling basis for 146 projects under IWDP, 1190 projects under DDP and 4805 projects under DPAP covering 230 districts in 16 States of the country reported increase

in water table in the project areas in the States of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.